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Attorney Docket No. 60117.000005

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of :)
Jens PETERSEN) Group Art Unit: 3732
Serial No.: 09/938,668) Examiner: To Be Assigned
Filed: August 27, 2001)

For: POLYACRYLAMIDE HYDROGEL FOR ARTHRITIS

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING
PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property
and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the attached copy of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" ("Second Notice") mailed May 29, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Second Notice since a signed Declaration was filed on November 26, 2001.

In particular, the Second Notice indicated that the Oath or Declaration was unsigned and a signed Oath or Declaration was required. Applicant respectfully points out that on November 26, 2001, he filed a Response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application ("Response to First Notice") mailed September 27, 2001. Together with the Response to First Notice, Applicant included a signed Declaration. Enclosed are copies of: the Response to First Notice; the signed Declaration attached thereto; and a date-stamped postcard indicating receipt of the aforementioned documents on November 26, 2001.

In view of the above, Applicant requests withdrawal of the Second Notice dated May 29, 2002.

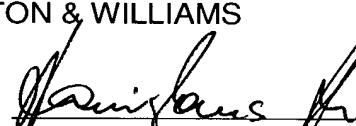
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Applicant believes that no fees are associated in connection with this Response.
In the event that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge
these fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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